



Headwater Trail

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Honorable Rep. Holly Hughes,
Chairwoman, Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation
N-1195 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Re: Support for HR 230

Dear Rep. Hughes and Members of the Committee,

We strongly urge your support for Representative Ben Frederick's Resolution 230 which advocates for the National Parks Service designation of two new paddling trails in Michigan on the Flint and Shiawassee Rivers.

We are a land and water trails promotion group in northwest Oakland County at the head of the proposed 88 mile Shiawassee River Water Trail. Our all volunteer group connects with 200 or more river supporters who regularly use and maintain the upper section of the trail. We collaborate with CVT's and NGO's both in the headwaters region and downstream and have been active in the formation of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. Our Chairperson, David Lossing, has offered testimony for HR 230, including the impact on multiple communities in Oakland, Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw Counties.

Your advocacy for national designation will demonstrate to the National Parks Service the importance of water based tourism and recreation in the center of the state. As has been true of other water trails, an economic boost to the "trails towns" and support for maintenance and improvement of accessible sites will be greatly enhanced.

Thank you in advance for this resolution of support.

Susan Julian, President
Headwaters Trails, Inc., a 501c3 organization incorporated in 1995